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CHARLESTON, IL--Vincent Smelter (Macon, GA-Northeast), sophomore guard for Eastern Illinois University's basketball team, finished the season as the starting point guard.

The Panthers were 14-13, winning eight of their last ten, in their first season of NCAA Division I play. It was the ninth straight winning season.

Smelter earned the starting nod through the season averaging six points and shooting 52.2% from the field.

"Vincent did a fine job running the offense . . . he took control of the team and displayed some real leadership the latter half of the season," said Coach Rick Samuels.

"With five seniors graduating he'll have to provide even more leadership next season but he has two solid years in our system so is starting to feel comfortable in his role."